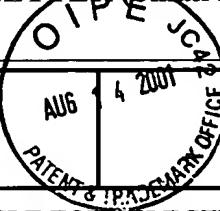


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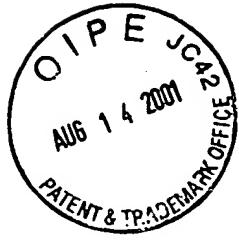
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RESPONSE

The following amendments and remarks are responsive to the Office Action mailed May 9, 2001 for the above-identified application for patent.

AMENDMENTS

Please replace originally submitted claims 1-7 with the following:

1. (Amended) A method for electronically determining, in an electronic payment system, which of a plurality of payment methods is to be employed for at least one vendor to be paid, said method comprising the steps of:

a) receiving from a user at least one vendor identifier for each of said at least one vendor;

b) consulting a vendor database for a vendor database identifier corresponding to said vendor identifier;

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